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INFILTRATION ACROSS INDO- BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militant outfits are using Bangladeshi territory for sneaking into India across the Indo-Bangladesh borders for carrying out subversive activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only 67 per cent of the Indo-Bangladesh border is fenced; 147

(d) if so, the steps being taken to fence the rest of the border with Bangladesh;

(e) the details of infiltrators arrested on Indo-Bangladesh border during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such infiltration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) The information received from intelligence agencies have confirmed that militant outfits are having some base in Bangaladesh from where they carry out subversive activites.

(b) During the current year (upto 30th Sept., 08) BSF has apprehended 17 insurgents of various outfits along Indo-Bangladesh border and 33 insurgents surrendered before BSF authorities in the North East. Bangladesh has also handed over 31 Indian insurgents to India who had gone to Bangladesh for training and were apprehended.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has sanctioned construction of 3406.859 kms fencing along Indo-Bangaldesh border, out of which 2626.56 kms (77%) has been completed and the remaining work is scheduled to be completed by March, 2010.

(e) As per the information available from the Border Guarding Force (BSF), the details of apprehensions are as follows:

Year	No. of persons Apprehended
2005	8490
2006	5785
2007	4553
2008 (Upto 9/08)	2571
Total	21399

(f) Following steps have been taken to check infiltration along Indo-Bangladesh border:

1) BSF has been deployed as Border Guarding Force along Indo-Bangladesh Border which is:

Carrying out round the clock surveillance and patrolling on foot, by boats and vehicle,

Laying nakas (border ambushes) and has established observation posts all along the international border

Using water crafts for patrolling the riverine segments of the border

2. Fencing has been crected along the international border;

3. Floodlighting have been installed along the border to enhance the observation during night;

4. Border Roads have been constructed to facilitate border patrolling and effective interception with speed;

5. Modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments have been installed along the borders to detect crossing by infiltrators at night and during bad weather.